

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Mathur, et al. Art Unit : 1652
Serial No. : 09/880,729 Examiner : Manjunath N. Rao
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Title : ENZYMES HAVING CARBOXYMETHYL CELLULASE ACTIVITY AND
METHODS OF USE THEREOF

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 2327
Arlington, VA 22202

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Election/Restriction Requirement Office Action mailed February 11, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response to the Office Action was originally due March 11, 2003. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the time to reply to this Office Action for one month to April 11, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- Petition to Extend Time 1 month; and
- Postcard.

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